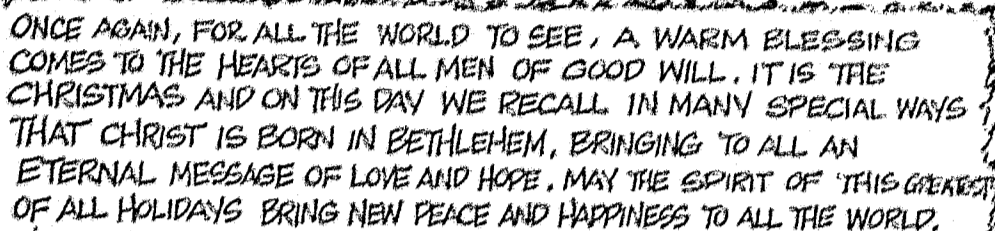


The Bethel Oxford County Citizen

BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1976

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West Bethel

Mrs. Lona Gilbert, Corres.
The weather has been quite cold the past week in this area. Temperatures range from several degrees above zero, to 8° or 10° below. Not much snow, just enough snow for a "White Christmas".

I am sure everyone enjoyed the Christmas carolers Saturday evening, as I did.
A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
Miss Ellen Lovejoy cared for her nephew, Shane, on Saturday, while his parents did Christmas errands in Lewiston. On Sunday Ellen was soloist at West Bethel Church, playing her own accompaniment.

On Saturday a group of relatives and friends went to Shelburne, N. H., to help Mr. and Mrs. Burton Myers celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, which was held at the town hall in Shelburne. Those attending from West Bethel: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boyd, Frances Bennett, Donald Bennett, Dorothy Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown. The couple received many gifts including a money tree. A lovely smorgasbord was served including the traditional anniversary cake. Around one hundred attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders Jr. and family of Goffstown, N. H., will visit his parents, the Raymond Saunders Sr., on the week end. They will be guests, Christmas of the Bruce Browns.

The place in the new development in West Bethel which was used during the past fall as a demonstrator, is reported to have been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kantin of Minnesota. He is employed by the U. S. Forestry Service. They moved in the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert spent the week end in Shirley, Mass., visiting their daughter and family, the Jonathan Stowells.

Miss Cheryl Gilbert spent the week end in Andover, with a school friend, Miss Susan Feener, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boyd were in Woodsville, N. H., Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker received a call from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Arguette, who left by plane Dec. 17th, for California. They arrived O. K., reported the weather lovely. They expect to visit Disneyland, Mexico and other places of interest. Our Christmas plant, the poinsettia, she said grew very tall there, several feet in height.

Mr. and Mrs. Cavier Hutchinson of Farmington came Thursday to visit her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Roberts. They were all in Gorham, N. H., shopping, while here. Returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Gordon (Katherine), her daughter, Paula Cordwell and two children were in an automobile accident in Shelburne, N. H., on the way to Berlin, on Friday. Mrs. Gordon, who was driving, reported the road very slippery, causing her to lose control of the car, which went over an embankment. Mrs. Cordwell's little son was kept in the hospital over night, as he had some bruises on his chest and complained of one arm hurting. The others sustained bruises but nothing serious. The car was demolished. It was Mrs. Gordon's car. Little Christopher was discharged from the hospital Saturday.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cummings went with their daughter, Cathy Lovejoy, to shop and check on the West family in South Rumford, who were ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were in Norway Thursday on business and had tea with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Strother in Oxford.

Friday Alanson Cummings drove Mrs. Tyrene Lovejoy and Shane to Rumford in the storm. Mrs. Lucia Smith and daughter, Alberta, have gone to California. They will visit Dr. Charles Smith and family.

Miss Mary Frost of Bridgton was a week end guest of her sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Nell Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mason will be guests Christmas day of her daughter and family, the Ernest Grants of Yarmouth. Mrs. Mason's brother, James Everett Jr. has also been invited to join the Grants for Christmas.

Mrs. Frances Bennett will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Boyd, Christmas Eve for dinner and tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert will entertain Christmas night for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Blake and Mrs. Lona Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. James Kenzie III will be unable to attend, but the group will join them the Sunday after Christmas at their home in Westbrook, if weather permits.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valcourt and daughter, Christine, were in Nashua, N. H., on the week end to visit her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stone and other relatives. They enjoyed a pre-Christmas party with relatives while in Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis will have her mother, Mrs. Dot Bennett and sister, Candy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis, Miss Alice Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and family, for guests Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton and family expect to be joined on Christmas Day by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wentzell and aunts, Mrs. Helen Holmes of Gorham, N. H., and Mrs. Edward Plante of Tilton, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Burton Newton of Bethel.

Michael Wheeler, Portland, will arrive Friday to spend the holiday with his mother, Mrs. Hazel Wheeler and grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Grover. Dr. Lorimer Schmidt and Mrs. Schmidt of Augusta will visit her mother, Mrs. Grover and sister, Mrs. Wheeler, some day this week.

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Tonight there must be a million stars; just as if someone with an open hand had sowed a field of silver seed. Some arch the hollow and rest on the hills. Against the black velvet sky they are also like so many sequined hats. The brightest one shines just over the rim of Patch Mountain and looks directly in the window where I sit. It brings to mind another star transcending all... trees, sky, night, listening earth... the Christmas star. All too soon it gives up the evening and drops from sight.

As I write this, my husband is reading. His books are his daily boon companions. He is introduced to all the different classes of people from philosophers to statesmen (and remembers them). He travels from his favorite chair; across land and sea, mingling with people, explores regions steeped in mystery, adventure and history. His magazines and papers are many but somehow, sometime he reads them all. He has that which no one can take away, as long as memory lasts. These are his never-failing friends and he holds them in great esteem.

Two different days this week I went to the hills. One day I gathered evergreens. I left the road beyond the house and first went up among the silky gray beards of ledge icicles. How they sparkled. Some smooth and some in ripples where the water froze before it could finish its drip. Near by, were a few embroidered branches with a soft white glow. There was no need of tinsel to decorate the trees, no need of a star at the top for nestled among its green arms far up, little chickadee was the bright spot.

After looking down on the pond swept clean by the winds, I moved deeper into the woods. Now came the fragrance of evergreens. There was the spruce, the pine, and the fir, as rich as those ancient gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

A walker pauses often when journeying through the hills. I look out upon the deep and winding valley, and the steep wild slopes.

So I harvested my greens from this Christmas loveliness and was gladdened at each step as I pushed deeper into the forest. The mistletoe gave his laughing call. To me it sounded rich and full with joy and cheer of Christmas time; for the holiday atmosphere fills the out-of-doors, as well as the friendly home.

Somewhere up the hill I came

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to the Spring Road and then made my way toward home with my arms loaded with evergreens. The Christmas ferns still were bright green and so stood out above the patches of snow.

It had been to the walker an afternoon with fragments of beauty to fill every horizon. So as we greet another Christmas let us renew our faith in mankind and reflect the true spirit and a divine message of peace, love and good will; not forgetting humanity's greatest gift, the Christ Child.

On Tuesday, Doris Hayes and I spent the evening at the home of Dorothy Ross, West Paris. Five other teachers joined us for supper and a social evening with a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt attended the wedding of their nephew, Bruce Gardiner in Oakland on Saturday. Our callers this week have been Ruth Hastings, South Paris; Ernest and Meona Curtis, Poland; Lucy Ridley, Norway; Ernest and Ina Mundi, Bethel; Lucy Bragg and son Tommy, West Paris.

We were in South Paris on Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Edwin French. The French family is leaving for Arizona on Wednesday for the winter months.

Robert, Jeri, and Daniel Holt, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt on Sunday and called at the Stephens Memorial Hospital to see their sister, Ann Holt, who is a patient there. Then they returned home to Windsor.

Lucy Bragg and son, visited her mother and sister, Eva Felton and Kathy Curtis and also called on the Hols on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan have visited Ann Holt at the hospital since she has been there.

Del and Betty Hayes were at the Hayes Homestead on Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hayes and family were there for dinner and the day on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Curtis, Poland, were callers at Frank Curtis', Sunday.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

MSAD #44 is seeking applicants for the position of Title I Teacher Assistant at the Crescent Park School in Bethel. Duties will include teaching reading on a 1:1 and small group basis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith and Iva Fox called on Esther Harri-man in Fryeburg, also their niece, Mrs. Peggy Woodard in East Conway, N. H., Sunday evening.

The Arthur Weeks were at the Belaski's home on the week end. A group of young and old was singing carols Friday evening.

Rosemary and Kenneth Smith took Iva Fox shopping Saturday. Several from here, Hope Cristwell and the Joe Moody family went into Hick's Nursing Home Sunday afternoon singing Christmas songs. A gift for each one from the church, visiting with Aunt Mary Chandler, William Saurey, Etta Ring and also Mrs. Anna Hodgton, I knew. One lady

over a hundred, then yes, Aunt Mary Chandler is blind. They say she plays the organ for them.

Saturday afternoon, Paul Fox, Iva and two boys came from Monmouth, to see their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith and daughter Carolyn Knight from Oxford went to see Beverly Bassett at North Conway Memorial Hospital Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith went to Leonard and Violet Doughty's 50th wedding party. A nice time was enjoyed by all.

Everyone must be looking for snow. Radio said rain. What a cold winter for all. Not many birds as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Erland Allen called on Hazel Allen Sunday. Thru the week end Clyde, Flora, and son were in.

minute movie "To Each a Gift" was shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Cole and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bear, Florida and the Bears daughter and husband, New Brunswick, Can., were in town the first of the week for their mother's (Mrs. Pearl Cole) funeral services.

The Play "Gram Smith's Greatest Christmas" will be held Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Baptist Church. All are invited to attend.

The Sunday School Christmas program and tree was held on Monday evening with grades K through 5 taking part, and a 30

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CHURCH NEWS

Bethel United Methodist Church
Rev. Ronald J. McKinstry
Organist,
Miss Susan Hathaway
Administrative Board Chairman,
Richard L. Davis

Sunday:
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a. m. Nursery during Wor-
ship Service.
10:30 a. m. Sunday School.
Monday: Pastor's Study Group,
7:30, at the parsonage.
Wednesday:
10 a. m. Study Groups meet at
the home of Mrs. Burton Abbott.

West Parish
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Church St., Bethel
Rev. Thomas L. Caton, Pastor
Miss Mary Valentine, Organist
Sunday:
10:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
Child care services available for
parents attending church. Nursery
class in Garland Chapel.
7 p. m. Senior High Youth Fel-
lowship.
Wednesday:
8:15-4:15 p. m. Church School
for Kindergarten-Grade 6. All are
welcome.
Thursday:
7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal in the
sanctuary.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Rev. Donald Smith, Interim Pastor
Reach out to Jesus — He is
reaching out to you.

Sunday:
10:00 a. m. Sunday School in the
downstairs chapel.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
6:00 p. m. N.Y.P.S.
6:00 p. m. Evening Worship.
Wednesday: 6 p. m. Bible Study
and Prayer Meeting at the Church.
For transportation to any ser-
vice, please call Mrs. Geraldine
Whitman, 630-3354.

Our Lady of the Snows Church
Rev. Donald R. Proulx
29 Paris St., Norway
Tel. 742-2506

Sunday, 4:30 p. m. Holy Sacri-
fice of the Mass.
Chapel of Christ the King
Episcopal
Sundays at 7:45 p. m., Bethel
Havens Bank.

Bethel Gospel Center
at the Old Fellows Hall
Pastor Edward Gammon
Sunday:
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a. m.
Youth Group, 5:00 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study and Prayer Service,
7:00 p. m.

Locke Mills United Church
Rev. David Wuori
Pastor, Rev. Richard McElroy, Organist
Church services, 9:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Lynnwood Hanson, Pastor
9:15, Sunday School.
10:30, Morning Worship Service.
6:00, Young Peoples' Meeting.
Junior Young Peoples', grades 4-
6, 10:00, Evening Service.
Wednesday, Choir Practice,
8:15; Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p. m.

**Woodstock Seventh-day
Adventist Church**
Pastor: Elder William Menasha
Sunday:
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church Service, 11:30.
Prayer meeting: Tuesday even-
ing, 7:30.

West Paris Universalist Church
John Coyle, Minister
Mrs. Elaine Emery, Organist
Worship Service, 10 a. m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
LIV, 6 p. m.

Newry Community Church
Sunday:
Morning Worship, 9 a. m. Rod-
ney Hanson, Pastor, Robert Du-
rbin, Pianist.
Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.
Youth Group meets Sunday at
8:30 p. m.

**OXFORD COUNTY
UNITED PARISH**
Peter Parent, Pastor
Albany Congregational Church
8:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
East Stenham Congregational
Sunday:
9:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
9:00 a. m. Church School.
North Waterford Congregational
Sunday:
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a. m. Church School.

Faith Bible Church
Rumford Corner
Pastor, Bob Colby
Preaching the Finished Work
of Jesus Christ.
Services:
Sunday, 2:30 p. m.
Tuesday, 7:00 p. m.
Calvary Congregational Church
Andover, Maine
M. Lester Street, Pastor
Miss Beverly White, Pianist
Main St. Church, Choir Director
Sunday:
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Bible
taught lessons. Classes for all
ages. Adult class.
Worship Service, 10:45 a. m.



TALK ON INDIAN ARTIFACTS
Pupils in the Upper Intermedi-
ate level at Andover Elementary
School recently enjoyed a talk by
Archer Poor, a resident of And-
over. Mr. Poor displayed some of
his large collection of Indian ar-
tifacts found over many years in
Andover and the surrounding re-
gion. An aid from his collection
was studied and evaluated at the
Smithsonian Institute. The chil-
dren learned how they could start
a collection of their own by
searching areas most often used by
the Indians who lived in the re-
gion in earlier times.

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Andover
Rev. David Wuori
Pastor

Mrs. Linda Burnham, Organist
Mrs. Shirley Field, Music Director
Daniel Kraft,
Church School Superintendent
Donald Mixer,
Assistant Superintendent
Sunday: Morning Worship, 11 a.
m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Wednesday: Ladies' Aid meets,
1:30 p. m.
Sanctuary Choir rehearses, 7:30
p. m.

Community Church
(Full Gospel—Independent)
East Andover Road
Rumford Center
Pastor, Rev. J. P. Jackson, Ph.D.
Pianist, Marie J. Bartlett
Soloist, Doris Doran
Weekly Services:
Wednesday, 7 p. m. Bible Study;
Sons of God in the Corporate
Body.
Saturday, 7 p. m. Revival Prayer
Meeting.

Sunday:
9 a. m. Sunday School.
10 a. m. Sunday Worship.
7 p. m. Revival and Blessing
Service.

Spalding Memorial Chapel
Wilson's Mills
Rev. Delmer A. Parker, Jr.
Christian Worship Service, Sun-
day, 2 p. m.

**Rumford Point
Congregational Church**
Rev. Carl W. Kimbrough, Pastor
Mrs. Rupert Elliott, Organist
Robert Parent,
Supt. of Church School
Sunday, Dec. 28:
9:30 a. m. Morning Worship
10:30 a. m. Fellowship Hour.
Tuesday, Dec. 29: After School
— Girl Scouts at the church; 7:00
p. m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal; 7:30
p. m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal.
Wednesday, Dec. 29: After
School—Brownies at the church.
Thursday, Dec. 30: 9:30 a. m.
Troop #509 of Boy Scouts at the
church.

Christian Science Services
In all Christian Science Churches,
the Lesson-Sermon read from
the desk is the same. The public
is cordially invited to attend.

Sunday, Dec. 28: Subject—Chris-
tian Science. Golden Text: Isaiah
60:1—Arise, shine, for thy light
is come, and the glory of the Lord
is risen upon thee.

First Church of Christ Scientist
corner of Main and Tenth Streets,
Berlin, N. H., holds Sunday
morning services at 11 a. m., and Sun-
day School at the same hour for
pupils up to the age of 20 years.
The Wednesday evening meeting in
at 7:45, including testimonies of
healing.

Christian Science Services
9 Stevens St., off Alpine St.
Sunday: Services and Sunday
School at 10:30 a. m.
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.
m.

Wednesday evening includes tes-
timonies of healing.
You are cordially invited to at-
tend these services. Everyone is
welcome.

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vices call 824-2823.

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Oxford Branch—at the Branch
Chapel, Skeetfield Road, Oxford.
Sunday:
Priesthood, 9:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a. m.
Sacrament Meeting, 11:45 p. m.
Tuesday:
Relief Society (Woman's Organi-
zation) 9 a. m.
Primary (3-12 year olds) 6:45
p. m.
M.I.A. (12-18 year olds) 7 p. m.
Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church
Rev. Michael Westberg
Petrograd Street
Berlin, New Hampshire 03570
Saturday, 7:00 p. m. Great Ves-
pers.
Sunday, 8:30 a. m. Divine Litur-
gy.
Feast days announced.

From Congress

BILL COHEN

Complaints from small business-
men about governmental paper-
work requirements have attracted
much attention from the Congress
and the White House recently. As
a member of the House Small
Business Committee, I am well
aware of the challenges small busi-
nessmen have made to the need
for Federal paperwork. They claim
that the increases in the number
and complexity of Federal report-
ing and recordkeeping require-
ments are smothering growth and hin-
dering innovation—and in many
instances the facts support their
claims.

Reporting and recordkeeping re-
quirements originate in the legiti-
mate responsibility of the govern-
ment to safeguard and promote
the public interest. The informa-
tion collected from businesses
through government forms can, if
properly administered, provide
Federal decision-makers with facts
necessary to properly evaluate the
effectiveness of government pro-
grams and the need for further
legislative action.

But the expansion of the func-
tions of all levels of government
in recent years has resulted in an
enormous paperwork burden on
the small businesses upon which
the economies of States like
Maine depend. More than 5,200
forms requiring more than 2 bil-
lion sheets of paper are now in
use. Federal paperwork, when
compounded by hundreds of State
and local reporting requirements,
tends to make compliance with re-
porting requirements extremely
costly for small business.

Small businessmen and women
clearly feel oppressed by the gov-
ernment's reporting requirements.
In a recent poll conducted by an
independent consulting firm, 84%
of all small business respondents
characterized the government re-
porting required of them as "bur-
densome." The most frequent

complaints from small businesses
concern the duplication, frequency
and complexity of the forms they
must fill out.

The actual cost of all this pa-
perwork is very difficult to esti-
mate. The effects of paperwork
often take the form of incalculable
"hidden" costs, such as hindrance
to growth, discouragement of in-
novation, and reluctance to take
potentially profitable risks. But
simply in terms of dollars, the
cost of paperwork to both business
and government is staggering.
It has been estimated that pri-
vate enterprise spends more than
130 million manhours annually
filling out the more than 10 bil-
lion sheets of paper that wend
their way through Federal offices.
The total cost of paperwork was
placed at \$40 billion — 20 billion
for business to research and com-
plete forms, and another 20 bil-
lion for government to prepare,
distribute, evaluate, and store the
data. To the average small busi-
ness, this represents over 80 man
days per year which must be de-
voted solely to filling out forms,
at an average annual cost of
\$5,000 per firm.

While the weight of the paper
work burden is felt by private
enterprises of all sizes, smaller
firms have been particularly af-
fected by increased information
demands. With smaller gross an-
nual earnings over which to spread
the cost of paperwork, smaller
businesses carry a greater finan-
cial burden in complying with
Federal reporting requirements.

Complex Federal forms often
force small businessmen to seek
professional assistance. Because
they are unable to afford the com-
puter systems and in-house at-
torneys used by larger firms, small
businesses must often contract for
these services, resulting in a
higher per-unit form cost.

If paperwork entails heavy cost
for small businesses and government
its effects are also felt by em-
ployees—who might be denied a

pension plan, for example, simply
because the reporting require-
ments place too great a strain on
the company's resources—and by
consumers, who pay for the paper-
work through higher prices or
curtailed services.

Next week, in a continuation of
this discussion of small business
and Federal paperwork, I examine
which government agencies are
responsible for creating the paper-
work problem and how the prob-
lem can be alleviated.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
My family and I are looking
forward to coming home to Maine
for a quiet holiday observance. I
hope I will be able to see and
talk with many of my constituents
during my stay to discuss the
many pressing needs that must be
addressed by the 95th Congress
when it convenes in January.

In the meantime, I want to wish
all Maine citizens a safe and
happy holiday season. My wife,
Diane, and my sons, Kevin and
Chris, join me in extending to all
of you our very best wishes for a
good and prosperous 1977.

CHRISTMAS
When the Christmas days are
waning
In a land beyond the seas,
And the twelfth night candles
glister
Then they burn the Christmas
trees,
And the children gather round
them
By the fire place huge and deep,
Telling many a "Yuletide" story
As the shadows dance and leap
Bound in wreaths of mistletoe
Hung for happy lads and lassies
In the Christmas fire's glow,
'Tis a custom long remembered
And observed each Christmas time
Thus to burn the withered
branches

With the twelfth night's peaceful
chime.
And so far no one has ever
Tried to stop this happy play
Of the children and the old folks
In the land so far away,
And I hope that people never,
In their quest for gain and gold,
Will forget this quaint old
custom
Brought down from the days of
old.
And here in our own loved
country
Foil of "clubs" and old "blue
laws."
Make the children "men" and
"women"
But do leave us Santa Claus.
Yes, still in our dear New
England
Let the stockings still be hung
In the chimney's cozy corner
While the Christmas songs are
sung.
Let the children list for sleigh
bells
And the sound of dancing feet,
As old Santa guides his reindeers
Over house tops far and fleet,
Help them keep the faith of
childhood,
All too soon such dreams are o'er,
And methinks life would be
harder
If the fairies came no more.
—by Addie Kendall Mason
from "The Citizen," 12/20/51

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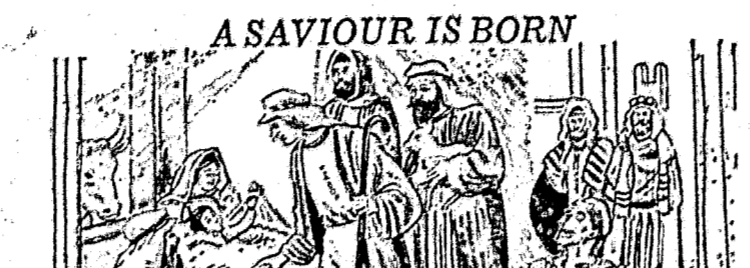
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A SAVIOUR IS BORN
And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped
him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger;
because there was no room for them in the inn.
And there were in the same country shepherds
abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by
night.

And, to the angel of the Lord came upon them, and
the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they
were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I
bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all
people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a
Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

St. Luke 2: 7-11

complaints from small businesses
concern the duplication, frequency
and complexity of the forms they
must fill out.

The actual cost of all this pa-
perwork is very difficult to esti-
mate. The effects of paperwork
often take the form of incalculable
"hidden" costs, such as hindrance
to growth, discouragement of in-
novation, and reluctance to take
potentially profitable risks. But
simply in terms of dollars, the
cost of paperwork to both business
and government is staggering.

It has been estimated that pri-
vate enterprise spends more than
130 million manhours annually
filling out the more than 10 bil-
lion sheets of paper that wend
their way through Federal offices.
The total cost of paperwork was
placed at \$40 billion — 20 billion
for business to research and com-
plete forms, and another 20 bil-
lion for government to prepare,
distribute, evaluate, and store the
data. To the average small busi-
ness, this represents over 80 man
days per year which must be de-
voted solely to filling out forms,
at an average annual cost of
\$5,000 per firm.

While the weight of the paper
work burden is felt by private
enterprises of all sizes, smaller
firms have been particularly af-
fected by increased information
demands. With smaller gross an-
nual earnings over which to spread
the cost of paperwork, smaller
businesses carry a greater finan-
cial burden in complying with
Federal reporting requirements.

Complex Federal forms often
force small businessmen to seek
professional assistance. Because
they are unable to afford the com-
puter systems and in-house at-
torneys used by larger firms, small
businesses must often contract for
these services, resulting in a
higher per-unit form cost.

If paperwork entails heavy cost
for small businesses and government
its effects are also felt by em-
ployees—who might be denied a

pension plan, for example, simply
because the reporting require-
ments place too great a strain on
the company's resources—and by
consumers, who pay for the paper-
work through higher prices or
curtailed services.

Next week, in a continuation of
this discussion of small business
and Federal paperwork, I examine
which government agencies are
responsible for creating the paper-
work problem and how the prob-
lem can be alleviated.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
My family and I are looking
forward to coming home to Maine
for a quiet holiday observance. I
hope I will be able to see and
talk with many of my constituents
during my stay to discuss the
many pressing needs that must be
addressed by the 95th Congress
when it convenes in January.

In the meantime, I want to wish
all Maine citizens a safe and
happy holiday season. My wife,
Diane, and my sons, Kevin and
Chris, join me in extending to all
of you our very best wishes for a
good and prosperous 1977.

CHRISTMAS
When the Christmas days are
waning
In a land beyond the seas,
And the twelfth night candles
glister
Then they burn the Christmas
trees,
And the children gather round
them
By the fire place huge and deep,
Telling many a "Yuletide" story
As the shadows dance and leap
Bound in wreaths of mistletoe
Hung for happy lads and lassies
In the Christmas fire's glow,
'Tis a custom long remembered
And observed each Christmas time
Thus to burn the withered
branches

With the twelfth night's peaceful
chime.
And so far no one has ever
Tried to stop this happy play
Of the children and the old folks
In the land so far away,
And I hope that people never,
In their quest for gain and gold,
Will forget this quaint old
custom
Brought down from the days of
old.
And here in our own loved
country
Foil of "clubs" and old "blue
laws."
Make the children "men" and
"women"
But do leave us Santa Claus.
Yes, still in our dear New
England
Let the stockings still be hung
In the chimney's cozy corner
While the Christmas songs are
sung.
Let the children list for sleigh
bells
And the sound of dancing feet,
As old Santa guides his reindeers
Over house tops far and fleet,
Help them keep the faith of
childhood,
All too soon such dreams are o'er,
And methinks life would be
harder
If the fairies came no more.
—by Addie Kendall Mason
from "The Citizen," 12/20/51

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Dr. J. Phillip Jackson
Community Church,
Rumford Center

Christmas should thrill us
more than any other day on the
church calendar. Ash Wednesday
calls for penitence, Lent for abstin-
ance. Good Friday speaks of the
darkness of death, Easter Sunday
of the brightness of life. Ascen-
sion day proclaims His triumph.
Pentecost the church's birthday.
But Christmas Day celebrates the
"infant of days," becoming the
"infant of days." Such a mystery
is too profound to explain, but
not too wonderful to appreciate.

His coming is the answer to
man's every question; the solution
to every problem and the end to
every longing.

Life is the best is seen, not in
the crib, BUT ON THE CROSS!

We wish you a "Merry Christ-
mas," merry with angelic an-
them, merry with the Gospel
gladness, merry with a new Holy
Ghost anointing.

DON'T have such a busy holi-
day that it becomes no longer a
"holy day." Bright stars are still
shining; Wise men are still seek-
ing; angels are still singing and
DECADENT RELIGIOUS DEAD-
NESS can still be invaded by the
SHEPHERD GLORY that invaded the
shepherd field. We too, can
become Messengers of the New
Light. Merry Christmas!

**IN MEMORY OF
GRAMPA LEARNED**

About fourteen years ago at this
time, we had a Christmas pro-
gram at the Bear River Grange
Hall. I was in the kindergarten
grade, and my part in the program
was a piece called "Grampa
George" which soon became a
new nickname for Grampa, for this
is what many of his friends called
him afterwards.

Peter had played the part of
Santa, and when he gave Grampa
his gift off the Christmas tree, he
called for Grampa George.

My piece is as follows, and ne-
truer words could have been spoken
at that time or now for Grampa
"Grampa George" is the nicest!

I like him awful well
He cut for me a Christmas tree,
Oh my but he is swell
And so I bought a gift for him
To put upon that tree.

I know he'll be as happy as can be
My gift upon that tree was
A small corn cob pipe with a red
ribbon. I'll always remember the
gleam in his eyes and how proud
he was when it was given to him.
It used to sit on the window by
his easy chair that he used to sit
in.

We all miss you Grampa, and I
am going to miss hearing your
voice saying, "How are you today
Baldy?"

Grampa had a nickname for all
us grandchildren and great grand-
children, and I'm sure we all will
miss hearing that voice each time
we walk through the door.

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- Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Corres.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Davis and children are spending their Christmas vacation with relatives in Dallas, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bancroft attended a family Christmas party at the home of his sister in Waterford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lapham and Timmie visited his sister and family in Norway, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons spent Sunday afternoon with the Cliff Millers in West Peru.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Newell and children plan to spend Christmas with relatives in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. David Salway and children attended the Salway-Flagg wedding and reception in Waterford Sunday.

Mrs. David Salway and Mrs. Ralph Kimball were in Mechanic Falls Monday afternoon to attend visiting hours at the Raymond funeral home for Bill Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hindman of Mexico called on his grandparents the Jesse Doyens Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bean and children were lunch guests of her mother, Wednesday.

May these five priceless gifts of Christmas remain in your hearts all year—a firm faith, high courage, an exceeding joy, a gentle love, and peace.

Happy Holidays.

LIVERMORE FALLS GIRLS CRUSH TELSTAR, 78-35

The unbeaten visiting Livermore Falls girls rolled to a 78-35 basketball win last Thursday over Telstar. It was the fourth loss in five games for the Rebels.

The Andies outscored Telstar 23-5 in the second quarter to assume a commanding 40-13 half-time advantage. Margaret Casey led the way with 20 points and Brenda Bryant followed with 15.

For Telstar, Pam Bean tallied 15 points and Thea Tracy 14.

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TELSTAR N. H. S. INDUCTION HELD WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15 AT MOSES MASON HOUSE

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, at the Moses Mason House, the Telstar chapter of the National Honor Society held an induction ceremony for 18 new members.

Rodney Abbott of the Telstar English Department served as guest speaker of the evening. His interesting speech was very much enjoyed by the assembled N. H. S. students, their parents and guests.

President Kim Whitten explained how members are chosen for the society and enumerated some of the activities of the Telstar chapter over the years. As explained by President Whitten, N. H. S. members are chosen in the following manner: Any junior or senior student is eligible for membership providing his cumulative average of 85 or better. Beyond that initial minimum of 85, grades and standing in the class are no longer taken into account. Instead, each candidate is evaluated on Character, Service, and Leadership by a faculty committee of seven members, chosen by the principal to represent the major academic disciplines. They are as follows: Rodney Abbott, English; Mrs. Pauline Applin, Mathematics; Samuel Elliot, Guidance; Timothy

Kersey, Science; William Morton, Social Science; Felix Otero-Otero, Foreign Languages; and Mrs. Madeleine Gibbs, N. H. S. Advisor.

The traditional candlelight induction ceremony was conducted by Kim Whitten, Cathy Smith, Scott Dennis, and Tom Wright. Mrs. Gibbs, N. H. S. Advisor, administered the N. H. S. pledge and gave out cards and pins.

Following conclusion of the ceremony, pictures were taken by David Tripp, Telstar graphic arts instructor, and refreshments were served.

N. H. S. members are as follows: Seniors chosen their junior year—Scott Dennis, Cathy Smith, Kim Whitten, Tom Wright; Seniors—Sherry Akers, Nancy Brown, Gail Doone, Mike Dunn, Heidi Holt, Paul Morgan, Susanne Royer, Thea Tracy; Juniors—Dan Cummings, Manya Dombkowski, Brian Flynn, Jr., Philip Gauthier, Peter Keniston, Faith Morgan, Stephen Morrill, Patti Owen, Priscilla Webster, Scott Wright.

AT N. H. S. INDUCTION — Front row, left to right: Manya Dombkowski, Gail Doone, Cathy Smith, Faith Morgan, Kim Whitten, Sherry Akers, Scott Dennis, Heidi Holt, Stephen Morrill, Paul Morgan. Second row (l. to r.): Mike Dunn, Thea Tracy, Nancy Brown, Patti Owen, Priscilla Webster, Susanne Royer, Brian Flynn, Jr., Philip Gauthier, Dan Cummings. Back row (l. to r.): Tom Wright, Peter Keniston, Scott Wright.

DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS URGED TO COMPENSATE FOR SEASONAL HAZARDS

The Maine State Police urge Maine citizens to compensate for seasonal hazards by driving and walking with extra care during the Christmas-New Year period.

"We are all aware of the fact that road safety is not just a periodic need," said Colonel Allan H. Weeks, Chief, Maine State Police, "it is an ever-present necessity in our society; however, the extra activity of the holiday season, plus the uncertain road and weather conditions at this time of the year, combine to make this a time when all should use extra caution to avoid tragic traffic collisions."

The Maine State Police will have all available Troopers on patrol to not only enforce the law, but also to provide assistance to motorists.

"We urge your cooperation so death and injury may be prevented on the streets and roads, and the Maine State Police will make a maximum effort to protect law-abiding motorists and walkers from the irresponsible acts of those who refuse to conform with the law," said Col. Weeks.

CUB SCOUTS

Den 3: We decorated candle holders with ribbons. We finished our achievement charts. We had a snack of punch and cookies. —Denner, Chip Gasser.

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Andover EAST ANDOVER

—Mrs. Marjorie Jodrey, Corres.—

A Girl Scout investiture and rededication ceremony was held Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Christian Education Building. In a candle light ceremony Denise Foster, Rebecca Melvin, Patricia Mills and Lori Morales, received their pins and became members of the Girl Scouts. Badges were awarded to the following: Deanna Bodner, Veda Hospitality, Sign of the Arrow; Karen Dixon, Pils, My Troop; Lisa Fiffeld, My Troop; Doreen Hall, Books; Stephanie Merrill, Troop Dramatics, Sign of the Arrow, and Story-Teller; Melinda Mills, My Troop; Lisa Morales, Housekeeping; Karen Sennett, My Troop, Outdoor Cook, and Art in the Round. Two skills and a dance routine were presented by the girls for their parents. The Girl Scouts wish to thank the Civic Circle for their donation.

Miss Jackie Gammon came home Dec. 16 for two weeks Christmas vacation from Terre Haute, Ind., where she is a freshman at Indiana State College to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mooking Weston and sister, Tracie. Miss Florence Hall, a former elementary school teacher, on Friday, Dec. 17, had all the elementary school children and teachers from kindergarten to grade 6 in to see her old fashioned Christmas tree with lighted candles. There were three bus loads of children, one group sang Christmas carols outside while waiting for the bus to pick them up. Miss Hall has had her tree decorated with these real candles for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thurston and sons, Danny and Jon, Miss Margaret Jodrey and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jodrey celebrated Mr. Jodrey's birthday with a dinner party at the Chicken Coop in Mexico, Dec. 18.

Andover Senior Citizens held their monthly meeting at the Town Hall with a pot luck supper and Christmas party after. Miss Mary Hurley of the Western Maine Transportation gave an informative talk on the mini-bus and explained the certification procedure.

This correspondent would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone who reads this column a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Prosperous New Year".

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston spent a few days this week shopping and visiting at the home of their daughter and husband, SCF, and Mrs. Dennis Kerehner and family, Merrimack, N. H.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson and Mrs. Walter Jodrey presented the book "Woman Remembered" to the Andover Public Library in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Campbell.

Miss Charles A. Cutting has returned from the Maine Medical Center.

The Ladies Aid of the First Congregational Church met Wednesday, Dec. 15. Get well cards were sent to Mrs. Laurel McDougal, Mrs. Elizabeth Cutting and Mrs. Myra Crooker. The annual meeting will be held Jan. 5 at the Christmas Education Building at 12 noon with a pot luck lunch.

"Mother Goose School" held its Christmas party at the library Tuesday p. m. The highlight was when Santa arrived.

School will close with Christmas parties for all grades on Wednesday.

Winter arrived with a grand snow storm making all the snow-machiners and skiers happy.

East Andover Community Club met Dec. 15 at Swain's with Darlene Hall co-hostess. A buffet supper was served to 11 members and one guest, followed by the business meeting. President Evelyn Bell opened the meeting with a poem, "A Story of Jesus" and Secretary Violet Swain reported that two cunche baskets of canned goods had been delivered. "Thank You" notes were read from Elizabeth Sennett, Myra Crooker and Virginia Stone. The members signed a welcome card for Laura Hutton, a sympathy card to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jones. Christmas cards have been sent to 10 servicemen and women. Treasurer Barbara Meiner reported that \$25 had been given to the First Congregational Church Sunday School and \$35 to the Catholic Church Sunday School and \$25 to Hope Training School. Also voted

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—Eveline Barrett, Corres.—

A Merry Christmas to everyone everywhere.

Mrs. Jane Perry and three sons, Waterford, are spending an indefinite time with her brother, John O'Hearon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hym, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Hearon, went home Saturday night.

I have seen the Sunday school children go to church to rehearse but haven't heard when they will have their tree. I'll listen for Santa's sleigh bells.

The people here who work in the tannery are having a week off this Christmas.

Doris Lawrence and Marietta Penley went Paris, were in Lewiston Thursday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Emery in Mechanic Falls.

Loie O'Hearon drove Janet Cohen and Phyllis Hym to Portland for doctor's appointment. They visited a relative in the hospital who broke both arms and both legs and suffered other injuries in an auto accident after Thanksgiving.

The Crystal Lilies 4H had their Christmas party Dec. 21, at Loie O'Hearon's with exchange of gifts and refreshments and a decorated tree.

I have been studying the Old Farmer Almanac and it sounds like we will have a white Christmas.



FOUR YEARS OLD — Chris Hattat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hattat of Albany, celebrated his fourth birthday with a party at McDonald's on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

to place a geranium on Mrs. Lavona Danforth's grave on Memorial Day. They also voted \$25 to have the East Andover Community Club's named placed on the plaque at the Andover Library.

The hostess list for 1977 was compiled as follows: Dec. 14, 1976, Violet Swain and Darlene Hall; Jan. 11, 1977, Eldora Jones; Feb. 8, Darlene Hall (Valentine Party); March 8, Barbara Meiner and Myra Crooker; April 12, Ethelene Merrill; May 10, Lila Farrington and Unfried Tucker; June 14, Evelyn Bell; July and August, Vacation months; September, Annual Banquet; Oct. 11, Charlotte Sennett; Nov. 8, Jancette Chenery, Elizabeth Sennett.

Also discussed was having a lawn sale during the summer. President Bell gave out Christmas gifts and after meeting ice cream and birthday cake were served. Birthdays celebrated were Evelyn Bell, Violet Swain, Elizabeth Sennett. Unable to attend was Myra Crooker. Guest was Mrs. Virginia Stone of New Gloucester.

CARD OF THANKS
It is very hard to express all the thanks in a few words to all the people that have been so kind to me and my family since my accident on Nov. 14. First I would like to thank the Bethel Ambulance Service for their quick response, concern and kindness. All the people who sent cards, letters, gifts, phone calls and visits. My welcome home sign and all the love that has been sent in before and since my return home. Merry Christmas to you all and thanks.

Linda Harrington

"Tis the Season To Be Jolly"

To enjoy every last jingle of a very Merry Christmas, you must plan to have dinner this jolly Yuletide season at the Bethel Inn Open for its first winter in many snow seasons. The Bethel Inn is pure Currier & Ives, rich with the nostalgia of another time.

But while atmosphere is great, excellent food is even better. And the Bethel Inn's Christmas season menu is certain to please. There's everything for a sumptuous gathering. A Christmas feast. A jolly get together over a Wassail bowl with family and friends. We're expecting you. Come. We're that lovely Inn on the Bethel Village Green.

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Hanover

—Pam Morton, Corres.—

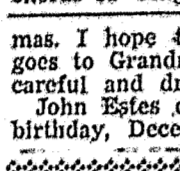
All are invited to attend the candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service on Friday evening at the Rumford Point Church. The David Morton family will do the Advent service.

The David Morton family spent Saturday at the 30th anniversary party of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings of Bethel. The party was held at the home of the Allen Bancroft family in Paris Hill. Following the party, all the relatives had dinner together.

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant put on last Sunday evening at the Rumford Point Church was a success. The teachers: Dot Adams, Priscilla Jasyd, Carol Murray, Lorraine Cyr, Mrs. Robinson, David Burns, Mrs. Kingsbury, and their classes, put on an interesting program. Mr. Parent, Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. Elliott, organist, were presented with special gifts. Even Santa Claus made his appearance, to a chorus of "Jingle Bells."

mas. I hope that everyone who goes to Grandma's house will be careful and drive slowly.

John Estes celebrated his 88th birthday, December 21.



Happy Holiday

May the glow of Christmas happiness brighten your hearth and home.

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Season's Greetings

Warmest wishes to all for an old-fashioned and joyful holiday.

Citgo Service Center



Best holiday wishes to our many friends in the community.

Sunshine Laundry Center
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
Sunny and Nancy

Gould Academy
Richard J. Dalven, Headmaster

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Magalloway & WILSON'S MILLS

—Mrs. Bertha West, Corres.—

Wesley Sweatt has received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sweatt Sr.

Reports are that Leon Bennett is quite comfortable after surgery in the St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston. He was 91 years old last July. Last Tuesday morning it was 20° below in several places on the river. Much too cold for comfort.

Shawn and Robin Hibbard, Dana Hinkley, Kevin and Kim Parsons, all got home for their vacation Friday from Fryburg Academy.

Our school here will close Wednesday with a Christmas tree and program Tuesday evening at the Grange Hall.

Barbara and Nancy West are home for the school holidays from Fryburg Academy.

Mrs. Annie Labbe is spending the week with her daughter, Donna Glover and family.

Upton

—Mrs. Arline Bernier, Corres.—

Fred and Mrs. Mae went to Peru Sunday to visit the Albert Judkins family.

The Larson family wish to thank everyone who has donated clothes or in other ways shown kindness following the fire. They are personally thanking those they are aware of but are sure there are many who have done things through organizations or other people and they can thank these only by newspaper announcements.

Ladies Aid held a meeting Sunday at the home of Simmone LaVallee.

Marilyn Brennon was called to Massachusetts following the death of her mother. Dave Larson took her down.

Edward Brennon butchered some of his livestock over the week end.

Andrew Aron Sr., had more of his goods moved from Connecticut over the week end.

Holiday Greetings

We wish all of the fine people in our community a very Merry Christmas.

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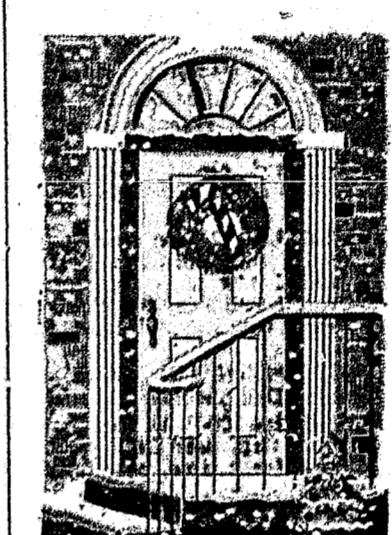
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Greetings

Our hearts ever turn homeward as Christmas blesses the earth.

ALL THE FOLKS AT Bethel Spa Restaurant



Merry Christmas

We wish to you and yours the many blessings of the Christmas season.

Clayton Crockett

Blessings

The greatest story ever told unfolds anew: Christ is born.

R. A. Douglass

Trucking — Backhoe
Crushed Stone — Gravel — Loan

Joy

Of the many traditions of Christmas, we welcome always the visit of friends.

The Gem Shop

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Have Yourself A real happy holiday season.

Bean's Maingas

Merry Christmas

In the warm spirit of the season, we wish you a most happy holiday.

Ernest Angevine

Ski-Doo Sales & Service

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Doughnuts, coffee was enjoyed at the ings, thanks to W.

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Fred and Karen Stanley Kent and Peggy Stanley Scott Bunker

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Peace

No other time, as the Christmas, means so much to all of us.

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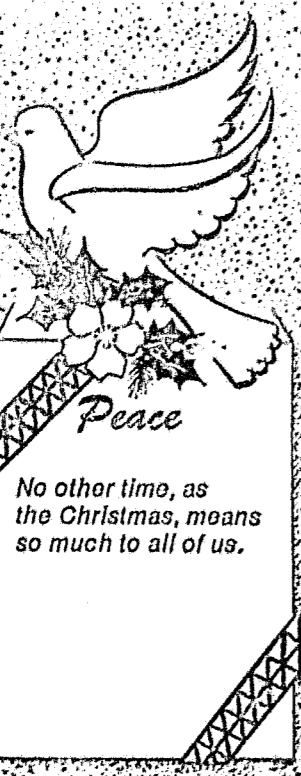
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TIPS ON HEALTH, NATURALLY

Dr. Stephen Garbarini, B.S., D.C.

Walking is one of the most natural things you can do. Therefore, it's a healthy exercise—for all ages. At this time, however, I would like to note that older members of our community should consult with their physician before partaking in this or in any

rades who are ill. Vice Commander Ray West was reported much improved.

Sympathy is extended to the family of District Commander Donald Hall of Gray, who was killed in a car accident.

Oxford County Council plans were completed to be held Dec. 21. Next Post and Unit meetings will be Jan. 6. No game parties on the 24th and 31st was announced.

Doughnuts, coffee and cheese was enjoyed at the close of meetings, thanks to Warren Smith.

form of unaccustomed exercise. Walking gives mobility, muscular coordination, and aids body functions.

Because our modern-day life demands so much of our time, most of us either exercise too much ... or too little. Strenuous exercise only on week ends can be dangerous, because it subjects you to strain, sprain, and injury. Walking is a moderate, well-balanced exercise. It is impossible to over-walk. And, walking a little every day will prepare your body for increased strenuous exercise whenever it's required.

Walking is a good total-body exercise. It tones muscles, burns off excess energy and fat, and induces proper breathing. It gives you an opportunity to breathe in a greater quantity of fresh air, and stimulates blood circulation. Walking will also induce better eating habits. However, like any other exercise it should be done properly ... chest out, swing your

arms, keep your knees relaxed, look straight ahead and most important walk with a happy, even gait.

Often, people know what they should do, but fail to do it. For

your health's sake, don't delay doing these things which are so important for your own well-being. It's your life, it's up to you to enjoy it. Do so—in good health, naturally.

LOADS OF GOOD CHEER!



Brooks Bros. Inc.



Have Yourself A real happy holiday season.

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Silent Night

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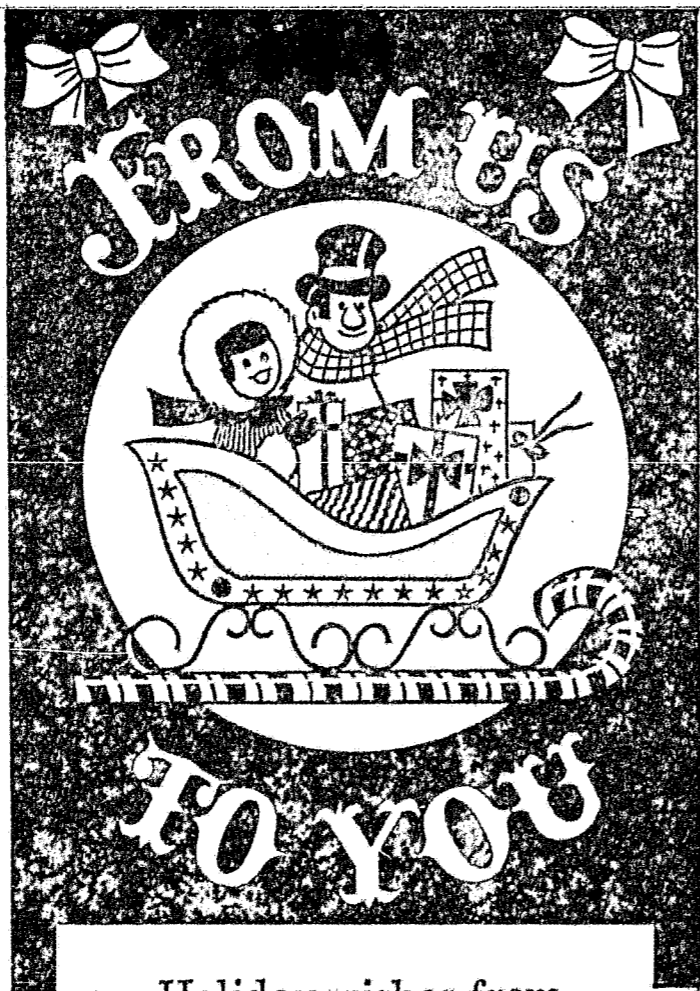
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LOCKE MILLS



May the many joys of the Christmas be with you.

Bridge Street Gulf



Holiday wishes from the heart, in the true spirit of Christmas.

The Bethel Spa Motel
The Fashion Basket The Brass Buckle



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From All the Employees at the
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We wish you a Merry Christmas and most Happy New Year.

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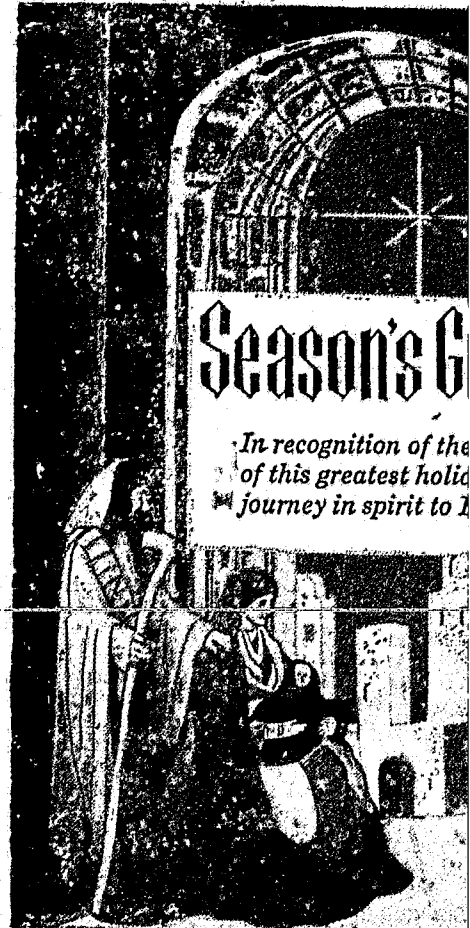
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Brown's Variety Store



Christ is born in Bethlehem and the waiting world rejoices.

Philip Korhonen



We wish to dear friends and neighbors the great happiness of Christmas.

Bethel Tire & Service Center



This is the season when hearts turn ever homeward to family and friends and, if the journey is made down memory lane, it seems dearer still. Our very best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Hathaway's Country Store
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We wish you a traditional holiday filled with much happiness and joy. Thank you for your patience and good will.

Mills' Market
ANDOVER



Tidings of joy
And to all sincere good wishes

Charlie's Place



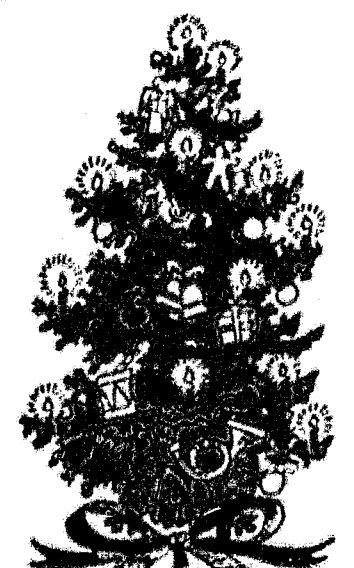
From all of us to all of you - warm wishes for a memorable holiday.

Bethel Lions Club



Welcome Christmas - the eternal gift of God to a far-off mankind.

Flowers by April Lynn



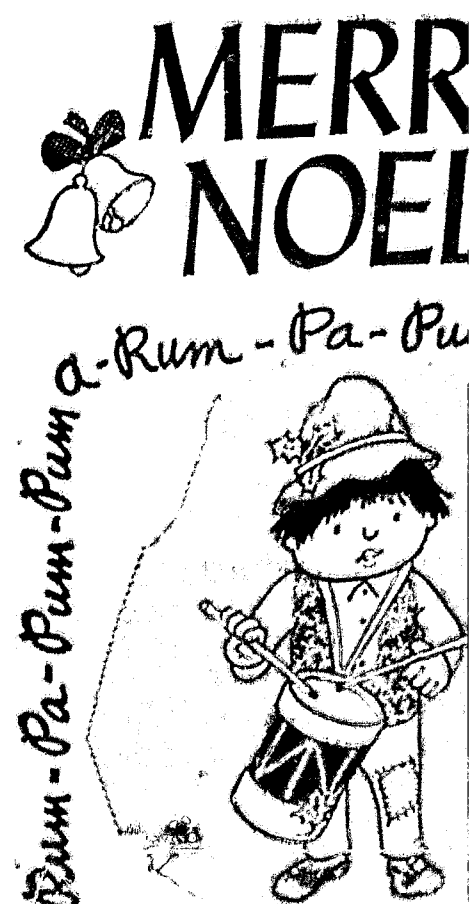
Season's Greetings
May Christmas bring to you and yours the best of everything.

Martha's Restaurant



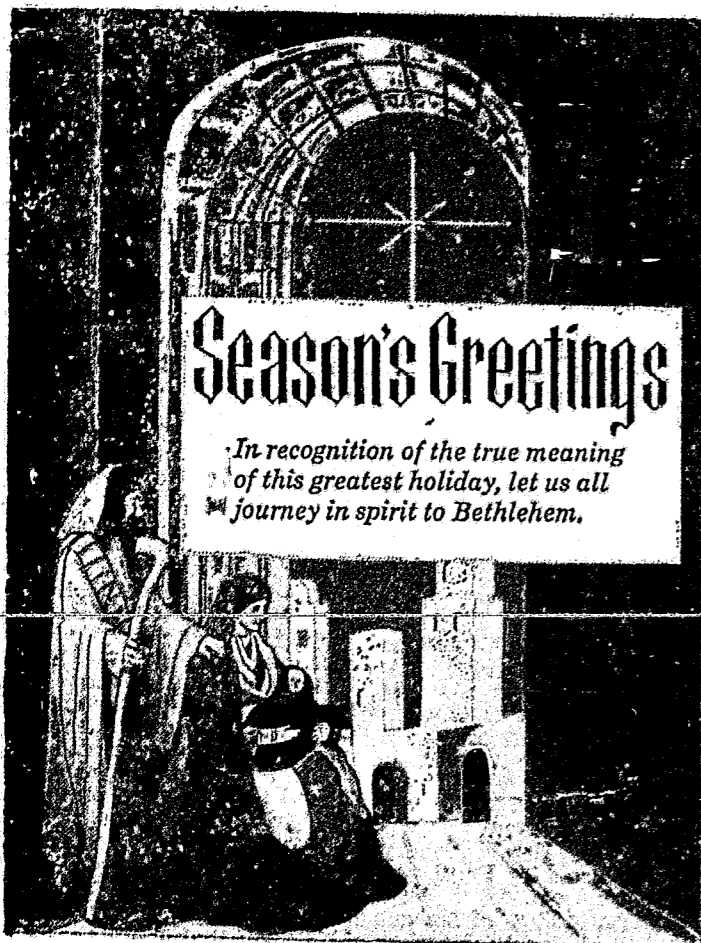
May this be the best-ever holiday for you and yours in every way.

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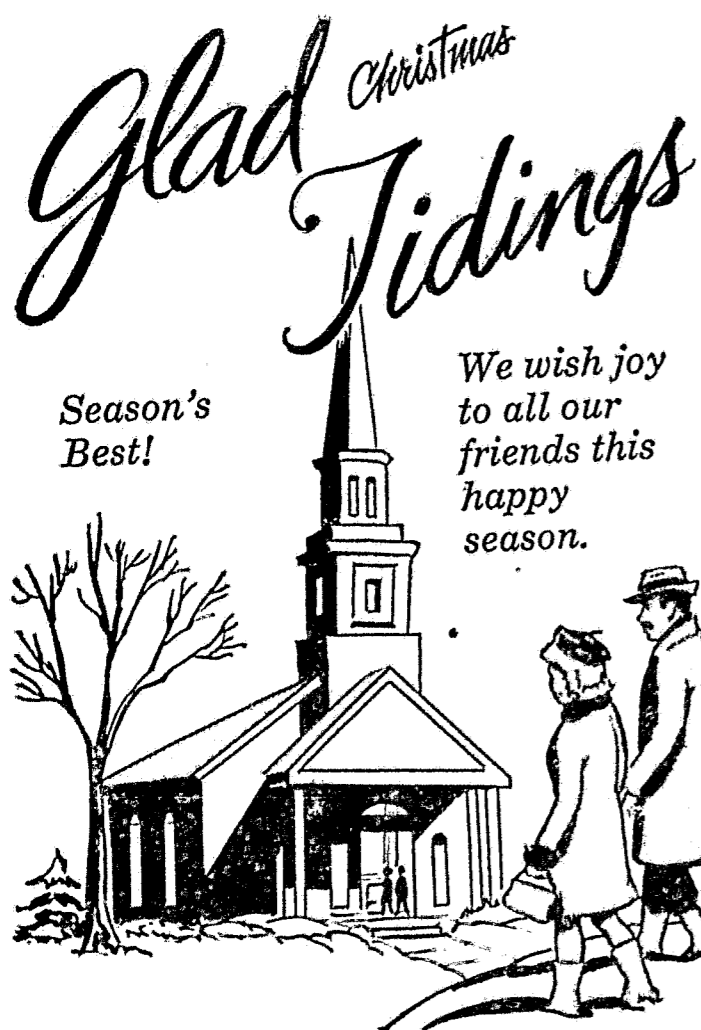


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East Bethel

— Mrs. David Foster, Corres. —

A very Merry Christmas to all. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coolidge hosted a family Christmas party Saturday at their home in Locke Mills. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cox and daughters, Laura and Lisa; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coolidge and daughters, Rosalie and Teresa; Leland Coolidge, all of East Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Enman of Canton; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bessey and children, Barbara, Bonnie, and Wally, of Rumford Corner, and the host and hostess and children, Bethany and Lee Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cox and daughters, Laura and Lisa; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coolidge and daughters, Rosalie and Teresa, attended the Locke Mills Sunday School Christmas program and party Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe attended the Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bancroft in Paris Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Edmunds and Mrs. Wayne Moore of South Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith and family of Standish visited the Harringtons Sunday.

Jeff Nevens of Brownville Junction was a week end guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Floribel Haines.

Mrs. Floribel Haines and Fred Haines were in Norway Saturday, and attended the Golden Anniversary of the Robert Hastings with Mrs. Lillian Bartlett and Clark Bartlett.

Tuesday, Mrs. Floribel Haines, Mrs. Lillian Bartlett, Mrs. Peggy Coolidge, Mrs. Maud Danforth and Mrs. Angela Ridon went to Lewiston on the Mini-Bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coolidge and daughter, Sarah, of Northwest Bethel, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Coolidge.

Mr. and Mrs. Erlon Bean, and Mrs. Almon Coolidge attended the Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings Saturday at the home of the Bancrofts on Paris Hill.

Mrs. Maud Danforth and Mrs. Leona Curtis attended the meeting of the World War I Auxillary in Bethel Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith entertained their mill workers at a Christmas Party Saturday evening.

CARD OF THANKS
Our sincere thanks go to a wonderful family for celebrating our 50th anniversary, and to the many that came to share it, and to the ones that sent us cards. It was a happy day.
Leonard and Violet Doughty

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thurlow of West Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Young; Miss Linda Roseberry; Dale and Jeff Smith; and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Leona Curtis attended the Christmas program and party of the Locke Mills Sunday School Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Whitman and Debbie of South Paris visited Mrs. Leona Curtis Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Howe and Mrs. June Starbird of East Waterford visited Mrs. Jean Grover Monday of this week.

Mrs. Roland Tyler and foster children, Marie Wilson and Chris

Russell of Dixfield, and Mrs. Richard Cox visited Mr. and Mrs. David Foster, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks attended a family Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cyr in Lewiston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving MacGregor of Hanover, Mass., were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coolidge.

Mr. and Mrs. David Foster were in Rumford Thursday and visited Mrs. Richard Stearns in Rumford Corner on the way home.

Mrs. Roland Stearns and Mrs. Richard Stearns of Rumford Corner called on the Fosters Monday of this week.

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CHEF BOY AR DEE—Beefaroni

—Ravioli—Lasagna—Spaghetti

40 oz. can

Dinners 99c

Coffee Mate 16 oz. can

99c

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27 oz. jar

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1 lb. can—All Grinds

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DEEP SEA TREATS 1 lb. pkg **99c**

FRYERS 49c

Pork Sausage 1 lb. roll **79c**

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40% Bran Flakes 5 **59c**

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Coupons Good Through Fri., Dec. 24



PEARL M. COLE

Pearl M. Cole of Bryant Pond, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 1976, at the Maine Memorial Hospital, in Bradenton, Fla., where she had been a patient for the past 10 days. She had been making her home with her son and daughter for the past few months.

She was born at Auburn, Aug. 21, 1894, the daughter of Seldon and Mary Wise Foster. She was a graduate of Norway High School and was married to Clarence E. Cole. He died Jan. 4, 1960. Mr. and Mrs. Cole operated Cole's Hardware Store in Bryant Pond for many years. Mrs. Cole was a member of Bryant Pond Baptist Church and Woodstock Senior Citizens.

Surviving are a son, Gardner, of Treasure Island, Fla., a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Bear, Sun City Center, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Bryant Pond Baptist Church with spring interment at Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond.

10 YEARS AGO

Ralph Hall, Mrs. Norma Jordrey and Miss Nancy Lincoln of Bethel, and Mrs. Lester Bickford of Locke Mills were top winners in the three classes of Christmas Lights competition sponsored by the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cousins and son, Charles, portrayed the "Holy Family" in the third annual Living Nativity Scene.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Abbott, Mrs. Blanche R. Worcester, Amos M. Barnett, Robert J. Wernemchuck.

20 YEARS AGO

Construction of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Chase on Bridge Street was underway. (Now the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nickerson.)

Miss Lillian Coburn, R. N., was a clinical instructor at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston.

The two and a half story building of Leonard Kimball, Mechanic Street, was gutted by fire of unknown origin.

Deaths: Nathan Clifford Grover.

30 YEARS AGO

Committees were appointed and plans were being made to celebrate the Congregational Church Centennial.

Roger Wheeler was logging in Sandwich, N. H.

Augustus Carter purchased the house known as the Curtis Winslow place.

Deaths: Mrs. Tilson Burke, Mrs. Mildred Hapgood Lyon, Mrs. Glendine Ring Heikkinen.

40 YEARS AGO

Heavy rains caused flooding. Christmas programs were postponed on account of travel conditions.

Deaths: Anna Carlson Cook, Mrs. Marian True Gehring.

It was 17 below zero in some Bethel places.

The farm buildings of Frank Langevin in South Andover were destroyed by fire.

J. M. Harrington was appointed deputy sheriff in Bethel.

Deaths: Lizzie Bartlett Annis.

WANTED:

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

The children of the Ethel Bice School in Bethel are again collecting labels from Campbell Soups or Pork and Beans cans. The campaign starts later this year; it runs from Jan. 3, 1977 to March 12, 1977.

This year our goal is to get as many 10" playground balls as possible. We can get two balls for 100 labels.

Last year we got a set of Dr. Seuss filmstrips and tapes and a football.

There will be collection boxes at Crescent Park School, Ethel Bice School and the Bethel IGA. Or send them to EBS with any student. We have over 1,000 labels now.

The following labels are acceptable: Campbell Soup 10 can, 20 oz. can, 50 oz. can, Chunky Soups, Soup for One Cans or Campbell's Beans (6 kinds).

We would appreciate your help.

Caroline V. Gould, Chairman, EBS.

Hathaway Reports

Sen. William D. Hathaway

Why Your Vote Doesn't Count

Most citizens assumed that the next President of the United States was elected on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1976 by popular vote. He wasn't.

The only votes that count were not cast until Monday, Dec. 13, 1976 by the Electoral College, which is composed of Presidential electors who are chosen by direct vote in each state. And the result is not officially declared until Jan. 6, 1977.

In fact, in that November election, the voters only determined who their presidential electors would be. The number of electors in each state is determined by the sum of its U. S. Senators and Congressmen. In addition, the District of Columbia is entitled to three electors, making an overall college total of 538 since there are 535 Congressmen and Senators.

In Maine, the presidential candidate winning each congressional district is theoretically entitled to the vote of the elector for that district, and the winner of the state's popular vote as a whole gets the two remaining electoral votes. In all other states, whichever candidate wins the plurality of votes throughout the entire state, however small that winning margin might be, is entitled to all of that state's electoral votes.

On Monday, Dec. 13, 1976, the electors gathered in each state to formally cast their votes. Surprisingly, they were not under any legal or Constitutional obligation to cast their votes in accordance with the November popular votes in their states. But they were under a strong moral obligation, since they pledged to the voters who chose them that they would vote for a particular candidate.

On Jan. 6, 1977 the votes of the Electoral College will be officially tabulated and Congress will officially declare the winner, who will be inaugurated and assume the duties of President on Jan. 20, 1977.

Except for three occasions, the last of which happened in 1888—the candidate receiving the most popular votes has also received the most Electoral College votes. But in 1860, 1888, and this year, a shift of only a few thousand votes in a few key states would have given the election (by virtue of the Electoral College system) to the candidate who did not win the most popular votes.

This potential for political catastrophe was dramatically pointed out this past election when a change of 7,000 votes in the states of Ohio and Hawaii could have given the election to Gerald R. Ford despite Jimmy Carter's 1.7 million vote plurality.

There are two basic reasons why the authors of the Constitution adopted an Electoral College system. First, by providing for at least three electors to each state regardless of population, the college system was viewed as a way to give small states some protection against domination by large states. Secondly, the writers of the Constitution felt that the Electoral College approach placed the choice of the President in the hands of persons presumably able, as the mass of the people at that time were not, to become acquainted personally with the various Presidential candidates.

Neither of these arguments is valid today. If anything, the Electoral College system works against the interests of the voters in the smaller states such as Maine. Because the small states cannot offer larger amounts of electoral votes, candidates may concentrate their efforts on winning the bigger states to put them over the top. Under the present system, the smaller states are not always needed to win the presidential election.

It is for these reasons that the Electoral College should be abolished. And when Congress convenes in January, I will propose a Constitutional Amendment which would eliminate the Electoral College and establish a system whereby the President of the United States is determined by direct, popular election.

Richard Spencer, director of Maine Project Childfind, reports a sharp increase in referrals since the public awareness campaign began in early November. He compares the number of referrals statewide to the month preceding the beginning of the media campaign—11 referrals in October to 60 in November. Since May there have been over 100 referrals statewide.

Spencer emphasizes that cases will be followed until parents are satisfied with services or Project Childfind's involvement becomes counterproductive.

denial election in the electoral college, whereas the individual votes in these states would count equally with those in the larger states in a direct popular election.

On the second point, relying on a "back up" election system because the public is considered incapable of making a decision on who its leader should be clearly undermines the "one man, one vote" philosophy which is the bedrock of our democracy. Furthermore, today we have televised debates with a nationwide audience of millions, and campaigns during which candidates travel thousands of miles and make hundreds of personal appearances. If anything, most voters feel they know more than they care to about candidates by the time the election rolls around.

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DIED

In Bradenton, Fla., Dec. 16, Mrs. Pearl M. Cole of Bryant Pond, aged 82 years.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings

FRANCIS CAILLOWET

Word has been received of the death of Francis Cailowet after a long illness at the American Legion Hospital, Crowley, La.

He was married to the former Ethelyn McMillin and resided in Iota, La. Survivors besides his wife are two sons and two daughters.

Funeral services were held at Iota, La., Dec. 18.

HASTINGS OBSERVE

50th ANNIVERSARY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bancroft of Paris Hill was the scene of a gala 50th Wedding Anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings of East Bethel on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The reception, attended by over 150 friends and relatives of the couple began at 1:00 p. m. and lasted until late afternoon.

The occasion was planned and carried out under utmost secrecy by their four children and their families as follows: Mr. and Mrs. George Gamble of Sudbury, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hastings of Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. David Morton of Hanover.

One interesting feature was a continuous slide presentation, which had been taken over the years, depicting highlights of the developing Hastings clan, which includes 16 grandchildren, all of whom were present but one.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings were married in Auburn on Dec. 18, 1926, by Rev. Curtis, former minister of the Bethel Congregational Church.

Mrs. Hastings was chosen as Outstanding Homemaker of Oxford County for 1976 and is very active in the Bethel Historical Society. Arts and crafts are her favorites and in rug braiding, stenciling and painting on tin she is outstanding.

Mr. Hastings retired from farming several years ago after being chosen as Outstanding Maine Farmer and numerous other awards, but still has an active interest in the farm with his son, Warren Hastings. He is also a trustee of Gould Academy and a Director of the Bethel Savings Bank.

BROWNIE TROOPS

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

The three Brownie troops of Bethel gathered Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Bethel Savings Bank for their joint Christmas Party. All twenty-seven Brownies were present with their leaders for an evening of games and songs. The girls exchanged gifts and enjoyed refreshments provided by the various members.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Locke Mills

Mrs. John Mills, Corrae.

Marcia Mills returned home from Eastern Nazarene College Friday evening, and Ralph Mills returned home from SMVTI for the Christmas holidays. John Smith, Livermore Falls, spent the week end visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Mills and Mr. and Mrs. "Joe" Shimamura.

Charlotte Cole visited her great aunt, Lydia Whitman at North Norway Sunday afternoon. She also visited Charlotte Davis and Marion Tibbitts at their homes in the mobile home park.

The Ekco Wood Products plant shut down Wednesday after the second shift for the Christmas vacation. Work will resume on Monday.

Lettie Ford celebrated her 95th birthday Tuesday, Dec. 21, at her home. She received many lovely cards and gifts. Bertha Flanders braved the extremely rough weather to bring her in her mail. Charlotte Cole also visited later in the day.

Mrs. Roy Moxcey, Mrs. Omar Moxcey, Mrs. Leroy Martin Jr., and Mrs. Bertha Flanders were in Berlin shopping, Wednesday.

John Smith, Livermore Falls, was a Tuesday supper guest of Miss Marcia Mills. Following the supper they attended the Christmas concert at Telstar.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonney, West Paris, daughter Beryl, and Mrs. Dorothy Ross, West Paris, were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Ford and Mrs. Lettie Ford.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Ford and Mrs. Lettie Ford were Mrs. Hattie Curtis, daughter, Mrs. Colista Stevens, West Summer, granddaughter, Mrs. Pauline Kirschner and three great grandchildren, Paula, Paulette and Marcia, and granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Stevens.

Reminder: The Locke Mills Christmas cantata will be held this Thursday evening at 7 p. m. at the Church. Everyone is welcome.

Reminder: The Greenwood Town Office will be closed this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24 and 25, and next Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1.

The Nazarene Sunday School Christmas party was held Saturday afternoon at the church hosted by James Cobb, Sunday School Superintendent and featured a

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FLYNN RESIGNS AS PRINCIPAL
OF TELSTAR R. H. S.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1977

At a meeting held in the Library at Telstar Regional High School on Tuesday evening of this week, the M. S. A. D. #44 board of directors accepted the resignation of Telstar Principal Brian G. Flynn, effective on June 30, 1977.

Mr. Flynn was elected by the board to be an English teacher at Telstar beginning Sept. 1, 1977. The English teaching vacancy for the 1977-78 year became available when the board, at their Dec. 20 meeting, approved the transfer of Bruce Buckland from English to math, effective next September. The math position became vacant by the recent resignation of Rupert Grover Jr. Mr. Flynn will retain all rights of a continuing contract teacher, with his years of service as an administrator in S. A. D. #44 being considered as years of teaching experience in the determination of tenure, seniority and salary.

Resigning "for personal reasons and in the best interest of the school and all concerned," Mr. Flynn came to Telstar in 1969 as assistant principal. Moving up to Acting Principal with the resignation of Keith Cunningham in the middle of the 1970-71 academic year, he has served as principal since the fall of 1971. A 1957 graduate of Bates College with a major in sociology and a minor in English, Mr. Flynn had previously taught at the secondary level in Westbrook; Rumford; Bellows Falls, Vt.; Thornton Academy, Saco, and Rockland. He received his master's degree in secondary administration from the University of Maine in 1968.

Board members absent Tuesday evening were: Philip Morales, Gerald Schachter, Andover; John Gasser, Frances Gunther, Bethel; Andrew Hinkley, Woodstock.

'BLACKSMITH CRAFT FEATURE'
AT JAN. 6 SOCIETY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Bethel Historical Society will be held on Jan. 6 in the meeting room of the Moses Mason House at 7:30 p. m. The program will feature two films on the work of the blacksmith whose craft was so familiar and essential to life in a bygone era. Also there will be a discussion of Bethel blacksmiths and some of their work will be on display. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
ALTERNATIVE

If you've ever wished there was an alternative to staying home or going to a party on New Year's Eve, this may be for you, an evening ski tour and prayer meeting. The tour will start from the Congregational Parsonage on Broad Street at 8 p. m. The tour will return by 10:00. Then, at 11 p. m. until just after midnight, there will be a Watch Night prayer meeting at the Congregational Church. All are invited to share in the fellowship of one or both of these activities.

SNOW FOLLOWED BY WIND

Seasonal weather has prevailed during the past week. A snow fall of from 6 to 8 inches on Wednesday was followed by high winds and zero temperatures this Thursday morning.

The winner of the clown drawn at the hand crafted toy sale was Kay Knapp of Roxbury, Maine. Thanks for making my sale a success.

Julie Daye

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